

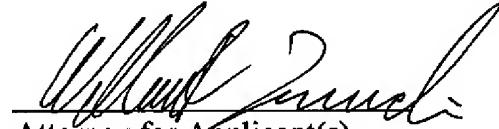
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 28, 2008, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Aida (JP 05-011525). By this paper, the Claims 1, 4, 5, and 6 have been amended to more particular claim that which Applicant considers to be the invention, and Claims 2 and 3 are herewith cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 6, as now amended, specifically recite Applicant's invention as being directed to determining contamination in a printer from a fixing aid by an evaluation of determined register error from recorded detecting marks, and after reaching a certain level of register error, effecting a cleaning run for the printer. This is an important aspect of Applicant's invention, not anticipated or taught by the prior art, in that it enables more efficient and optimized operation of a printer by specifically effecting cleaning of contamination due to a fixing aid. This invention has been specifically set forth and described in detail in the specification as originally filed. The reference to Aida is directed to cleaning contamination in a printer due to misregistration. It in no way anticipates or teaches that the misregistration can be evaluated to determine contamination from a fixing aid. As a result of Applicant's claimed invention, cleaning of fixing aid contamination is determined from available data and does not require inspection of the printer to determine contaminated parts. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' invention as recited in amended Claims 1, 4, 5, and 6, is in no way anticipated by the reference to Aida, and the rejection there over is improper and should be removed. Thus, amended Claims 1, 4, 5, and 6, the claims remaining in this Application, should now be allowed.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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